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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance

The Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit received funding to support programming related to school-based human immunodeficiency virus and other sexually transmitted diseases (HIV/STD) prevention and surveillance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health (CDC/DASH).

The funding allows the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to continue with projects focused on decreasing barriers to learning, building a safe and supportive school environment, and supporting student health and academic achievement. The prevention of HIV, other STDs, and teen pregnancy requires a coordinated approach, driven by state-level leadership and facilitated through broad-based, private-public partnerships.

Grants established using these funds will allow full participation of school and agency partners and the necessary support to carry out all objectives under MDE's approved cooperative agreement with CDC/DASH.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 28, 2014.

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Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted as its mission, "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

Grants distributed under the Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health (CDC/DASH) support the SBE's mission to provide students with knowledge and skills to prepare them for careers, college, and community by building the capacity of Michigan school districts to develop and implement sustainable program activities that reduce human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and teen pregnancy. Program activities are expected to reduce chronic absenteeism and dropout while improving school connectedness and academic achievement.

Grants will also support the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Priority 1 focus on closing achievement gaps by implementing capacity-building strategies to reduce disparities in both health outcomes and academic achievement, and providing additional support for populations disproportionately affected.

Grants distributed under these programs also support the following SBE policies:

Integrating Mental Health in Schools Policy – 2/2010
Policies on Bullying – 11/2010
Model Anti-Bullying Policy – 11/2010
Comprehensive School Health Education – 6/2004
Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement – 9/2003
Promote Health and Prevent Disease and Pregnancy – 9/2003
Statewide Safe School Choice Policy – 4/2003
Safe Schools – 5/2000
Creating Effective Learning Environments – 12/2000

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- ☒ New ☐ Continuing
☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☐ Legislatively Designated

In 2013, MDE was one of 19 state education agencies to receive competitive funding from CDC/DASH, Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance. A number of grants will be distributed by the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit to support the following strategies:

1. School-Based Surveillance – collect, analyze, report, and disseminate the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and the School Health Profiles Survey (Profiles) for policy and program improvement.
2. School-Based HIV/STD Prevention - build the capacity of Michigan school districts to deliver exemplary sexual health education emphasizing HIV and other STD prevention, increase access to health services, and establish safe and supportive environments for students and staff.

The five-year funding period is from August 2013 through July 2018. This is a continuation of funding that MDE has received for HIV prevention since 1988. This latest five-year cooperative agreement differs from previous funding by building the capacity of 16 partner districts, facilitating access to health services, and focusing more on populations at disproportionate risk.

The grants will allow MDE to continue with projects focused on decreasing barriers to learning, building a safe and supportive school environment, and supporting student health and academic achievement. The prevention of HIV, other STDs, and teen pregnancy requires a coordinated approach, driven by state-level leadership and facilitated through broad-based, private-public partnerships.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: n/a

Source of Criteria:

- ☐ A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation ☒ C. Proposed by Staff
☐ B. State Law or Rules ☐ D. Defined in MDE's Approved
Grant Application to the Funder

The main criteria upon which a sub-grantee organization will be selected are the following:

- Must be a non-governmental organization, state/local health department, school or district entity, and/or institutes of higher education.

- Must assign staff and/or consultants to support grant-related efforts.
- Has the appropriate knowledge, expertise, and/or skills.
- Is able to reach at-risk student populations directly or through relevant parent populations or primary health care systems.
- Provides programming that supports one or more of the above listed SBE policies.
- Is able to complete the project in the required timeline.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Eligible applicants are non-governmental organizations, state/local health departments, school or district entities, and/or institutes of higher education as designated in MDE's approved grant application to the federal funding agency, the CDC/DASH.

Populations served include secondary schools within all Michigan school districts, and a more intensive focus on 16 partner school districts.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount of available CDC/DASH funding for sub-awards varies each year and is estimated to range from \$25,000 - \$300,000 per year for five years.

STATUTE

This program is authorized under the following law:
Public Health Service Act, Title III, Part B, Sec 317(b)(k)(2) (42 U.S.C. Section 247(b)(k)(2)), as amended, Project Grants for Preventive Health Services.

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